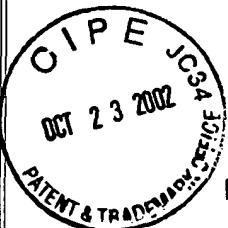


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Steven L. EDWARDS) Group Art Unit: 1731
Application No.: 09/987,248) Examiner: J. Fortuna
Filed: November 14, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING)
WATER REMOVAL IN A PRESS)
NIP)
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of July 31, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	90	-	68	22	x \$ 18	\$ 396.00
Indep.	12	-	4	8	x \$ 84	672.00
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					Subtotal	\$ 1068.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	-.00
					TOTAL	\$ 1068.00

A fee of \$1068.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

A fee of \$[Fee] to cover [Title of other paper(s)] is enclosed.

A check for \$1068.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Dated: October 23, 2002

By: Barry D. Biddle

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